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CHAPTER XXI—The yearly tournament, a survival of the jousting of feudal times, is to be held at Damory court.

CHAPTER XXII—At the last moment Vallant takes the place of one of the knights, who is sick, and enters the lists. CHAPTER XXIII—He wins and chooses Shirley Dandridge as queen of beauty to the dismay of Katharine Fargo, a former sweetheart, who is visiting in Virginia.

CHAPTER XXVI—Katharine Fargo is deeply humiliated at reading in the faces of Vallant and Shirley the evidence of plighted troth.

CHAPTER XXVI.

The Doctor Speaks.

While the vibrant strings hummed and sang through the roses, and the couples drifted on tireless and content, or blissfully "sat out" dances on the stairway, Katharine Fargo held her stately court no less gaily for the stealthy doubt that was creeping over her spirit. She had been so certain of what would happen that evening that when her father (between cigars on the porch with Judge Chalmers and Doctor Southall) had searched her out under a flag-of-truce, she had sent him to the right-about, laughingly declining to depart before royalty. But number followed number, and the knight in purple and gold had not paused again before her. Now the among the dancers, and the white satin gown and sparkling coronal had disappeared. The end of the next "round-dance" found her subsiding into the flower-banked alcove suddenly distrait amid her escort's sallies. It was at this moment that she saw, entering the corridor from the garden, the missing couple.

It was not the faint flush on Shirley's cheek-that was not deep-nor was it his nearness to her, though they stood closely, as lovers might. But there was in both their faces a something that resurgent conventionality had not had time to cover— a trembling reflection of that "light that never was, on sea or land"-which was like a death-stab to what lay far deeper than Katharine's heart, her pride. She drew swiftly back, dismayed at the sudden verification, and for an instant her whole body chilled.

A craving for a glass of water has served its purpose a thousand times; as her cavaller solicitously departed to fetch the cooling draught, she rose, and carelessly humming the refrain the music had just left off, sauntered lightly out by another door to the open air. A swift glance about her showed her she was unobserved and she steptance in the shrubbery. Here the from him. smiling mask slipped from her face face in her hands.

There were no tears. The wave that was welling over her was one of I were only sure it was Sassoon!" bitter humiliation. She had shot her bolt and missed—she, Katharine Far-For three years she had held John Valiant, romantically speaking in the hollow of her shapely hand. Now she had all but thrown herself at his feet—and he had turned away to this

was the spitting crackle of a match, and as she peered out, its red flare lighted the massive face and floating hair of Major Bristow. His companion's face was in the shadow. She waited, thinking they would pass; but to her annoyance, ed themselves on a bench a few paces

To be found mooning in the shrubbery like a schoolgirl did not please her, but it seemed there was no recourse, and she had half arisen, when the major's gruff-voiced companion spoke a name that caused her to sit down abruptly

"Bristow, Shirley's a magnificent girl."

"Finest in seven counties," agreed

the major's bass.
"Whom do you reckon she'll choose to marry?'

"Chilly Lusk, of course. The boy's in bibs. And he comes as near being fit for her as anybody."

"Hump!" said the other sardonically. "No man I ever saw was half good enough for a good woman. But good of his friends of the city as "Bob women marry just the same. It isn't White" died at the County Alms Lusk. I used to think it would be, House Saturday night. He had been but I've got a pair of eyes in my head, if you haven't. It's young Valfant.'

rine's fingers. What she had guessed that had recovered so that the authwas an open secret, then!

The major made an exclamation that had the effect of coming after a jaw. soon returned to his haunts in the dropped silence. "I-I never thought city and surban towns.

The other resumed slowly, somewhat bitterly, it seemed to the girl listening. "If her mother was in love with Sassoon-'

Katharine's heart beat fast and then stood still. Sassoon! That was the name of the man Valiant's father had killed in that old duel of which Judge Chalmers had told! "If her mother"— Shirley Dandridge's mother—"was in love with Sassoon!" Why-

"Was she?" The major's query held a sharpness

about abruptly.

"I've always believed so, certainly. If she had loved Vallant, would she have thrown him over merely because he broke his promise not to be a party to a quarrel?"

"You think not?" said the major huskfly. "Not under the circumstances, Val-

iant was forced into it. No gentleman, them at that day, could have declined the to Judith's satisfaction—a woman doesn't need much evidence to justify the man she's in love with. He must have written her-he couldn't have gone away without that-and if she had loved him, she would have called him back."

rine saw a cigar fall unheeded upon the grass, where it lay glowing like a panther's eye.

The other had risen now, his stoopd figure bulking in the moonlight. His voice sounded harsh and strained: "I loved Beauty Valiant," he said. "and his son is his son to me-but I have to think of Judith, too. She fainted, Bristow, when she saw him-Shirscarlet cloak no longer flaunted ley told me about it. Her mother has made her think it was the scent of the roses! Ho's his father's living image, and he's brought the past back with him. Every sound of his voice, every sight of his face, will be a separate stab! Oh, his mere presence will be enough for Judith to bear. But with her heart in the grave with Sassoon, what would love between Shirley and young Valiant mean to her? Think of

> He broke off, and there was a blank of silence, in which he turned with almost a sigh. Then Katharine saw him reach the bench with a single stride and drop his hand on the bowed shoulder.

"Bristow!" he said bruskly. "You're ill! This confounded philandering at your time of life-"

The major's face looked ashy pale, but he got up with a laugh. "Not I," he said; "I was never better in my life! We've had our mouthful of air. 'Come on back to the house."

"Not much!" grunted 'he other. "I'm going where we both light to have been hours ago." He threw away his cigar and stalked down the path into the darkness.

The major stood looking after him till he had disappeared, then suddenly ped down to the grass and along the dropped on the bench and covered his winding path to a bench at some dis- face. Semething like a groan burst "My God!" he said, and his voice

and with a shiver she dropped her hot came to Katharine with a quaver of age and suffering-very different from the jovial accents of the ballroom-"if

Presently he rose, and went slowly toward the lighted doorway.

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"Bob Griffin, familiarly known as the "Major" and nicknamed by some an inmate of that institution for some time-previously he had been in the State Hospital for the Insane oriles considered that it would not be unsafe to liberate him-and he

"Bob Griffin was said to be a native of Pickens County, where he has relatives but he very seldom spoke of them and in fact their location could not be learned and consequently he will be buried at the cemetery at the alms house, at the expense of the county, but his coffin will be a neater one. This is in accordance with a request he made to the undertaker years ago-that "when I die I want purty silber handles on my coffin dis that seemed almost appeal. She was like dese." The undertaker did not

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"Bob Griffin had many friends who meeting. He could have explained it had sympathy for him and he would not want for anything to eat or wear if they knew that he was in needbut a few weeks ago he became sick and it was deemed wise by the authorities to take him to the county home, where he could have proper The major made no answer. Katha- attention and during his sickness Supt. and Mrs. Pike gave him all the attention possible and Dr W. L. Mauldin, the county physician was very attentive to him."

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